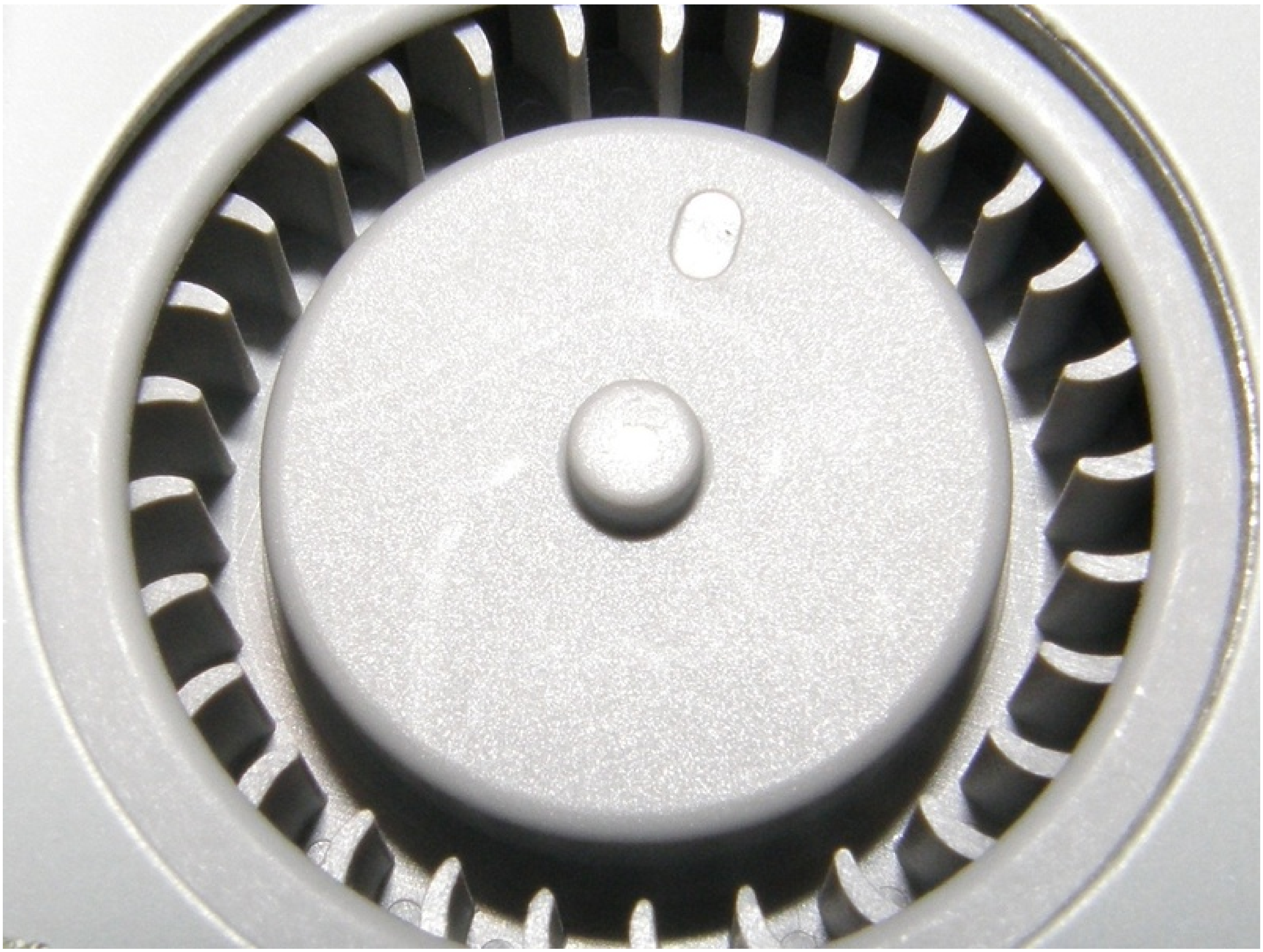
Getting the right iMac G5 (first generation) fan

Changing the iMac G5 (first generation) top right fan to the better design greatly reduces noise generation.

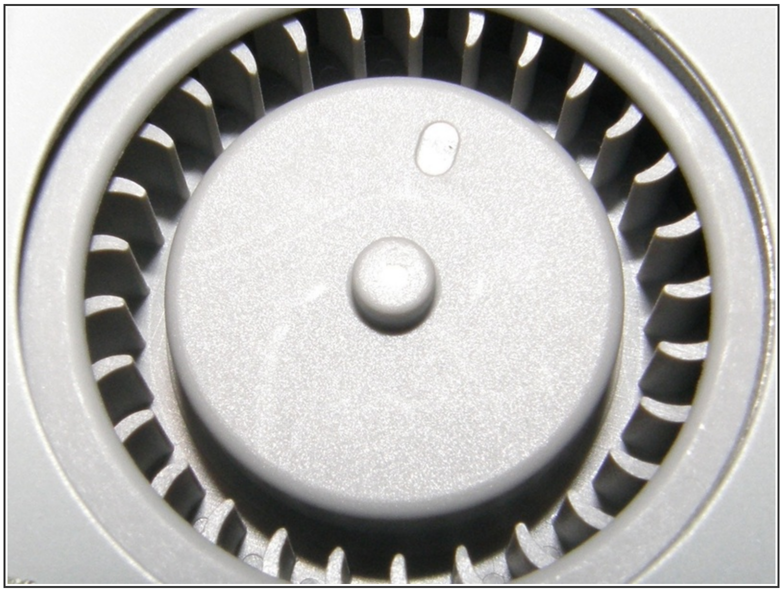
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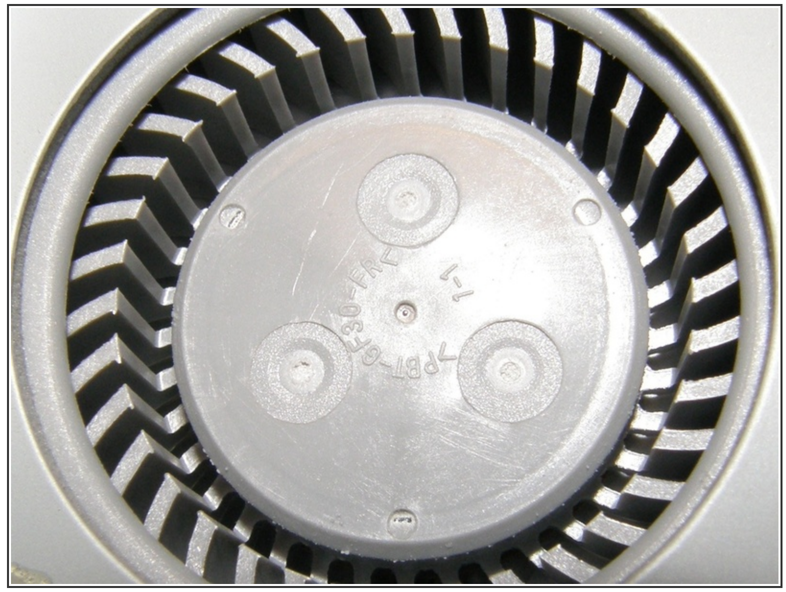


INTRODUCTION

I was surprised to find that the top right fan on the G5 iMac (first generation) changed design; one had 36 blades and gave an annoying whine, while the other design has 29 (a prime number) and yields a comforting hum.

Step 1 — Getting the right iMac G5 (first generation) fan





- To the left is the desirable design and to the right the one that generates more noise.
- ifixit carries both designs and was most helpful in ensuring that I got the correct one.
- Another way to tell the difference is that the bad design is attached with cross head screws, while the good design is attached with torx screws; however the old screws can be used on a new fan.

The better fan turns an almost unusable G5 iMac into one that is much more acceptable.

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